the corridors of Connaught Place, New Delhi by placing marble and sandstones;

(b) if so, whether it has added to the original beauty of Connaught Place; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken to restore the original beauty of Connaught Place immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Some of the interior corridors/ varandahs have been modified in the past.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Though such treatment does not violate the unified building byelaws yet with a view to maintain aesthetics, traders have been asked not to change any exterior flooring, etc. The NDMC is also planning to prepare an architectural control for the entire Connaught Place in its totality with a view to maintaining the character of the shopping centre.

Irrigation Projects Pending Clearance due to Inter State water disputes

1231. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) how many irrigation projects have not been cleared because of inter State water disputes with break up;

(b) how many among them are more than three years old;

(c) how many among them are minor, medium and major projects in each State;

(d) what was the total cost of each of these projects when project reports were submitted;

(e) what is the estimated cost of each of these projects now; and

(f) what steps are being taken to clear and implement these projects?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to c) Out of 20 major and 9 medium irrigation schemes *inter alia* involving Inter-State aspects, 11 major and 4 medium are pending for more than three years. Minor irrigation projects are cleared by the respective States.

(d) to (f) The total cost of these projects at the time of formulation was of the order of Rs. 4000 crores. Efforts to resolve the difference either by negotitations directly by the States among themselves or through the good offices of the Centre are being continued.

Coconut Cultivation

1232. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what had been the are under coconut cultivation in Southern States during the fourth, fifth and sixth plans State-wise;

(b) what had been the production of coconut in each State during this period;

(c) whether there has been any increase or decrease in production and cultivated area in each State during this period; and

(d) what steps are being taken to increase area under coconut cultivation during the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Area and production of coconut in the Southern Sates during the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Plan periods is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) There has been increase in production and cultivated area of coconut in all the Southern States, except Kerala, which has shown declines during this period.